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LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF "WILDLIFE BUREAU"
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether frequent incidents of killing of wild lives has been reported in the country;

(b) if so, the details of animals killed during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has set up/proposes to set up "Wildlife Bureau" to protect wild lives;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) Instances of killing of wild lives have been reported from time to time to the Central Government. Details of killing of important wild animals during the last three years as reported by State Governments is at annexure.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Central Government vide notification dated 6thJune, 2007 has set up the 'Wildlife Crime Control Bureau'. The Bureau is headed by the Director (Wildlife Preservation) with headquarters at New Delhi. It has four Regional Offices i.e. New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata and three Sub- Regional Offices at Amritsar, Guwahati and Cochin. In addition one new Regional Office at Jabalpur has been created.

The main functions of the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau are to collect and collate intelligence related to organized wildlife crime activities and to disseminate the same to State and other enforcement agencies for immediate action so as to apprehend the criminals and to establish a centralized wildlife crime data bank alongwith coordination of actions of various offices, state governments and other authorities

(e) Does not arise.